NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT
AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
PROPOSED ORDER R7-2022-002

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Colorado River Basin Water Board) is releasing for public review and comment Tentative Waste Discharge Requirements Order R7-2022-002 (Tentative Order), which will serve as the reissuance of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Number CA 0104523 and Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for following discharger and facility:

CITY OF BRAWLEY
(Discharger)

CITY OF BRAWLEY WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
5015 BEST ROAD,
BRAWLEY – IMPERIAL COUNTY
(Facility)

City of Brawley (Discharger) has applied for reissuance of the City of Brawley Wastewater Treatment Plant (Facility) NPDES Permit, previously issued per WDRs Order R7-2021-0005, which is issued pursuant to section 402 of the federal Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1342), and pursuant to the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (Wat. Code, § 13000 et seq.).

HEARING PARTICIPATION

The Colorado River Basin Water Board will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of the Tentative Order at the date, time and location specified below:

Date: October 11, 2022
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: City of Brawley Council Chambers
383 Main Street
Brawley, California 92227
(remote participation unavailable)
Notice of Public Hearing

Interested persons are invited to attend and express their views orally on this matter at the public hearing. The Colorado River Basin Water Board requests that those persons wishing to speak at the hearing provide a copy of their oral comments in writing before or during the hearing to ensure accuracy of the record.

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the Board’s Meeting Procedures (www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_info/agenda/docs/bm_procedures.pdf).

BACKGROUND

The Discharger owns and operates a municipal wastewater treatment plant. The WWTP provides secondary treatment through a Biolac® activated sludge treatment system that was brought online in December 2011. The treatment system is comprised of three Biolac® activated sludge treatment units equipped with air diffusers, three secondary clarifiers, an activated sludge pumping station, ultraviolet disinfection, and sludge processing facilities. The Discharger has converted one of the inactive primary clarifiers into a sludge thickening unit and the other inactive primary clarifier into a sludge holding tank. Wasted activated sludge is thickened in a sludge thickening unit, dewatered in a centrifuge sludge dewatering unit, and then dried using solar greenhouse sludge drying structure. The Biolac® process operates without primary treatment; therefore, no primary sludge is produced during the treatment process. Wastewater is discharged from Discharge Point 001 to the New River, a water of the United States.

The Clean Water Act requires a discharger to implement a pretreatment program if the facility has a treatment capacity greater than 5 MGD and receives pollutants from industrial users which pass through or interfere with the operation of the publicly owned treatment works (POTW). The Facility has a design treatment capacity of 5.9 MGD and has listed three significant industrial users discharging into the Facility.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

The Colorado River Basin Water Board will accept comments during a 30-day public comment period, which ends on September 29, 2022. Written comments on the proposed Order must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 29, 2022. Comments received by this deadline will be included in the administrative record.

Comments should be mailed to the attention of Jose Valle de Leon at the address shown below or emailed to: Jose.Valledeleon@Waterboards.ca.gov or faxed to the office at (760) 341-6820.

HEARING DATE
October 11, 2022

COMMENT DEADLINE
September 29, 2022
Notice of Public Hearing

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Colorado River Basin Region
73-720 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 100
Palm Desert, CA 92260

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The Tentative Order has been posted to the Board's Tentative Orders webpage (www.waterboards.ca.gov/coloradoriver/board_decisions/tentative_orders/index.shtml).

To receive a physical copy by mail, contact either Mary Castaneda at (760) 776-8945 or Mary.Castaneda@waterboards.ca.gov, or CJ Jasieniecki at (760) 346-7494 or CJ.Jasieniecki@waterboards.ca.gov

ACCESSIBILITY AND LANGUAGE NEEDS

Individuals who require special accommodations or interpreter services to participate in this meeting, please contact Mary Castaneda via email at Mary.Castaneda@waterboards.ca.gov at least 10 days prior to the scheduled meeting to notify us that you will be utilizing these services. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-(800) 735-2929 or voice line at 1-(800) 735-2922.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have questions concerning this matter, please contact Jose Valle de Leon at (760) 776-8940 or Jose.Valledeleon@Waterboards.ca.gov. Please bring the foregoing to the attention of anyone you believe may be interested in this matter.

File: WDID No. 7A130100011, City of Brawley Waste Water Treatment Plant, Board Order R7-2022-0022